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FOR SECRETARY FROM BROWN

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TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LE, US, PLO

SUBJ: HIGH-RANKING PLO OFFICIAL'S REMARKS ON AMBASSADOR BROWN

1. EMBOFF HAS RECEIVED REPORT, WHICH HE CONVINCED ACCURATELY REPLAYED TO US, OF REMARKS MADE BY SHAFIQ AL HOUT, DIRECTOR OF PLO OFFICE IN BEIRUT AND AN ARAFAT LOYALIST. SOURCE, WHO HAS KNOWN AL HOUT FOR MAY YEARS, WAS PRESENT APRIL 6 WHEN COMMENTS WERE MADE PRIVATELY.

2. HOUT STATED THAT HE AND OTHER PLO OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING GOOD REPORTS FROM AMERICAN JOURNALISTS AND OTHERS RE ME AND MY "MISSION". "MODERATE" PALESTINIANS, THEREFORE, INCLINED TO BELIEVE I AM NOT REPEAT NOT "HOSTILE" TO THEM AND MAY EVEN BE WELL DISPOSED TOWARD PLO. HOUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT I MIGHT MEET ARAFAT TO RECEIVE PALESTINIAN VIEWSNFIRST-HAND. HE WENT SO FAR IN STRESSING PLO DESIRE FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN LEBANON AS TO ASSERT THAT I "REPRESENT THE ONLY WAY OUT NOW" SINCE I AM THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL ON THE SCENE WHO CAN FUNCTION AS AN "IMPARTIAL MEDIATOR" WITH INFLUENCE ON ALL SIDES.

3. I PASS THIS ALONG FOR YOUR INFORMATION AS FURTHER INDICATION OF THE TANGLED SKEINS WITH WHICH WE ARE DEALING HERE. IT MIGHT BE WORTH A FOOTNOTE, WHEN THE

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HISTORY OF THIS PROBLEM IS FINALLY RECORDED, THAT AT

ONE MOMENT I STOOD ON THE BRINK OF BECOMING "BROWN  
OF PALESTINE".  
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